

MINUTES
Town of Crested Butte
Special Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2020

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

Council Members Present: Will Dujardin, Candice Bradley, Chris Haver, Mallika Magner, Laura Mitchell, and Mona Merrill

Staff Present: Town Attorney John Sullivan, Town Manager Dara MacDonald, Chief Marshal Mike Reily, and Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

Everyone connected and participated in the meeting via Zoom, and MacDonald and Stanford were present in Council Chambers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mitchell moved and Bradley seconded a motion to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

1) Consideration of a Public Health Order of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado for the Promotion of Health and Suppression of Disease to Require Face Coverings within the Town of Crested Butte.

Schmidt thanked the public for expressing their opinions. He identified the first duty of the Council was to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Crested Butte. Schmidt acknowledged that no one in the County caused the problem, and COVID-19 did not originate here. Schmidt reviewed situations that required masks per the County's latest health order. The issue before the Council was moot as the Town was required to follow County and State regulations. He encouraged people to read the health order. He asked for comments from the Council.

Schmidt reviewed the colors of the Coronameter and what the levels represented. He referred to the County's website for the entire health order. Haver pointed out highlights from each level on the Coronameter. Dujardin applauded the County for helping to clarify. He did not see a lot of compliance on Elk Avenue. The new version of the public health order was not that different than with what they had been dealing. Magner asked whether the Marshals would be handing out masks. Reily commented on enforcement. He explained that law enforcement wanted to work on a strategy to be consistent throughout the County. Reily was concerned about his officers being in contact with someone not wearing a mask. MacDonald reminded that The Chamber was handing out masks.

Ilene Spector

- She asked if there was a plan to educate people who were coming into the Valley for the first time.
- MacDonald outlined the usage of signs, banners, and ads that were planned.

Mark Tardiff

- It would be helpful to have a tourist statement on regulations.
- Haver agreed it would be great to have a public education campaign and something that was a standard.

Haver questioned regarding more funds for masks and wondered whether Staff could look into the public information campaign. He asked Staff to compile questions for a discussion at the meeting on Monday. Reily elaborated on the plan for enforcement, responding to Magner. He stressed they wanted compliance. Magner requested something specific be in the packet for the meeting next week. Reily anticipated pushback, and he asked for direction in dealing with people who were not cooperative. Dujardin asked if there had been any tickets in the County related to the health orders. Reily wanted the Marshals to support the businesses, and he acknowledged that with the health order, the businesses would have something to fall back on. Magner liked the idea of the Marshals handing out disposable masks. Mitchell recognized the Marshals would be busy. There were a lot of people in Town. Dujardin agreed it would be a good idea to have disposable masks on hand. Haver added they should help businesses have masks available.

Dr. Cagan

- He questioned how it would be decided when there were enough people on Elk Avenue to require masks.

Lisa Merck

- She clarified that face coverings included a buff or bandana.
- Clinics and hospitals were still having trouble getting masks, especially N95 masks.
- It was important for people to know there were other ways to cover their faces.

Jim Starr

- It seemed like it would be effective to have signs at all three entrances to Town.
- Every person on Elk should have a facemask or a face covering.

Ilene Spector

- She suggested the two groups going out in the backcountry might have input on how to handle approaching people.

Gary Garland

- He questioned the procedure for the meeting and noticing.
- MacDonald pointed out an ordinance was not proposed and the Council was not planning to take action.

- He said Town had to follow their own rules.
- Haver asked the Town Attorney to address that Town was enforcing the health order as a County law. MacDonald reiterated that an ordinance was not proposed. Sullivan affirmed the County's health order was the law of the land in Crested Butte and outside of Crested Butte. Sullivan did not think there were concerns about the meeting being properly noticed.

Mary Boddington

- She confirmed mask wearing was mandatory right now.
- Schmidt clarified masks did have to be worn if six feet of social distancing was maintained.
- She thought it would be helpful for Town to distribute masks to the businesses.
- She was curious how much liability the businesses had. Reily stated the Marshals would pay attention to businesses that flaunted the rules. He would bring it up with the other chiefs for consistency with enforcement.

Suzanne Pierson

- She agreed with Jim Starr about signage.
- She thought there would be more takers if they called The Chamber the facemask dispensary.
- It would be nice to work with Creatives. She suggested a clown could hand out masks.

Lisa Merck

- The community was strong on volunteers who could help with enforcement.
- She asked whether the Town would sponsor face coverings other than masks. MacDonald had an email out to other entities in the County to see about coordinating to purchase masks. Dujardin recognized volunteering had been taxed more than normal.

Mark Tardiff

- We hold each other accountable.
- A social compact needed to start with people that live here.
- The Creatives could really help with buy in.

Schmidt agreed with Mark that everyone needed to show empathy. He wanted to keep Town special. He thanked people for tuning in.

Dujardin suggested an agenda item on procuring masks for next Monday. MacDonald said one issue was whether the Council would seek reimbursement. She would confirm pricing. Dujardin thanked Schmidt for his work, and he acknowledged the hard work being done.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 7:16PM.

James A. Schmidt, Mayor

Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk (SEAL)